

Dear Laura,

I am writing regarding the draft PSP for DWR's Water-Energy Grant. I would like to register the American River Conservancy's concerns about the use of the CalEnviroScreen 2.0 Tool in assessing Disadvantaged Communities for the purpose of the grant. The tool is still under development and currently contains no Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) in our region - not because there isn't persistent rural poverty and disadvantaged communities, but because there is not enough documentation available to establish DAC status in our region. Poverty in rural regions is indeed a real issue for those of us living and working in the Sierra Nevada. This flaw in the assessment tool for DACs puts our region at an unfair disadvantage when applying for grant funds like the Water-Energy grant. We urge that you use the DAC status determination based on the DAC definition provided in DWR's Proposition 84 and 1E IRWM [Guidelines](#), dated August, 2010.

Thank you for your time,

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